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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF BURUNDI AMBASSADORS

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NOVEMBER 29 PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NAMES ALL BURUNDIAN OFFICIALS WHO ARE HENCEFORTH TO BE AMBASSADORS. OF CURRENT CREW ACCREDITED ABROAD, ONLY SEVEN ARE NOT REAPPOINTED, BUT FOUR OF THESE HAVE HIGH POSTS IN NEW REGIME. SIX NEWCOMERS ARE NAMED INCLUDING FORMER MINISTERS MINANI (JUSTICE), SIMBANANIYE (EDUCATION), AND BIMAZUBUTE (FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNTIL 1975). WE UNDERSTAND THAT BATTLE OVER WHO IS TO GO TO WHICH FOREIGN POST IS STILL IN FULL SWING, AND WE KNOW THAT BURUNDI HAS NOT YET APPROACHED FOREIGN GOVTS FOR AGREEMENT FOR NEWCOMERS. MIDANAGU IS REAPPOINTED AN AMBASSADOR, BUT WHETHER IN NEW YORK OR ELSEWHERE REMAINS TO BE SEEN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER DEPT HAS DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS NOTED IN REFTEL WITH AMBASSADOR NZEYIMANA.

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